

AN ORDINANCE

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AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,759.75 TO THE SBC FOUNDATION'S EXCELERATOR PROGRAM WHICH, IF AWARDED, WILL FUND HARDWARE, SOFTWARE AND WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS DIVISION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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WHEREAS, organizations throughout the country are invited to submit annual proposals to the Excelerator Grant Program (the "Program") of the SBC Foundation, which is designed to fund technology that produces an impact on the outreach ability of organizations striving to enhance the accessibility of opportunities available to underserved clients; and

WHEREAS, it is the position of the Economic Development Department (the "EDD") of the City of San Antonio (the "City") that improved technology will enable the EDD's Small Business Division (the "Division") to further its mission of service to clients; and

WHEREAS, the Division currently utilizes outdated personal computers, business and marketing plan software accessible to clients for which traditional funding is unavailable for enhancements; and

WHEREAS, although there is a website accessible to potential clients of the Division, it is not interactive nor capable of providing additional links to information necessary for starting a small business; and

WHEREAS, funding is also required to maintain a yearly subscription for client utilization of a personal computer-based and web-enabled software that tracks contract opportunities for small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Division requests authorization to apply for a grant to the Program for funding in the amount of \$13,759.75 for these hardware, software and website enhancements in furtherance of providing improved service to clients; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that application for the Program's grant furthers the objectives of the City's Economic Development Department and Small Business Division to provide greater opportunities and services to the small business community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also finds that it is in the best interest of the City to find alternate funding sources for improving current departmental programs; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby authorizes application to the SBC Foundation's Excelerator Grant Program for grant funding in the amount of \$13,759.75 for hardware, software and website enhancements for the Small Business Division of the Economic Development Department. A copy of the application, in final form, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. If awarded, acceptance of the grant and the authorization of funding for various related expenditures will be subject to further City Council consideration.

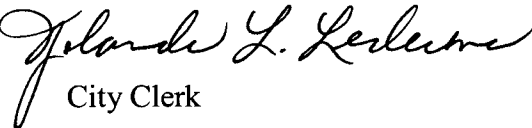
SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.


PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of April, 2003.



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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
for City Attorney